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1. Polish withdrawal of Spanish case from UN agenda--US Embassy Warsaw believes that the recent Polish attempt to withdraw the Spanish item from the General Assembly agenda is a Soviet-directed tactic. The Embassy considers that the Polish motives are to: (a) narrow the field of discussion in the General Assembly, thereby permitting concentration of propaganda attacks against the Atlantic Pact; and (b) preserve the present situation between Spain and the Atlantic Pact signatories. The Embassy further points out that if the western powers seize the initiative in the Spanish case, the USSR can claim that their motive is to pave the way for Spain's adherence to the Atlantic Pact and that such preparations reveal the aggressive and anti-UN character of the Pact.

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NEAR EAST-AFRICA

2. PALESTINE: UN efforts seen blocked by Israeli attitude--US Representative Ethridge concludes, in a review of the work of the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission to date, that Israeli cooperation with the Commission is unlikely unless the UN and its member states are willing to back the Commission as an agency for facilitating a settlement of all outstanding issues. Ethridge considers that the Israelis have no respect for either the Commission or the Arab states and are apparently convinced that Israel can progress only by military means. Ethridge comments that in view of Israeli intransigence the Commission has had as much success with the Arabs as might be expected.

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3. **BURMA: Shift to extreme leftist government likely**--According to US Embassy Rangoon, the Burmese Government party (the Anti-Fascist Peoples' Freedom League) has publicly indicated its willingness to yield power to a "leftist" group. The Embassy believes that the insurgent Peoples' Volunteer Organization (PVO) will now either enter a coalition with the Government party or replace the present Government. CIA-CONF.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the formation of a government strongly influenced or dominated by the PVO is quite likely. Such a government would be far more leftist than the present regime and would probably take a strong anti-US line.)

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